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1. The statistical report on production in February in the DDR was prepared by the Ministry of Planning 11 March 1950.

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## 2. Metallurgy.

Production of copper ore, crude iron and steel is somewhat below that of January. Output of semi-finished products was 25% higher than in January. Fulfilment of rolled steel quota remains at 80% because of lagging production at the Riesa and Unterturmen steel plants. Production of copper varied between 40% and 94% of the quarterly quota as of 28 February; the fluctuation is caused by variation in the amount of scrap available. The production of lead is unsatisfactory.

### 3. Stones and Earths.

Output of burnt lime exceeded the quota; there are complaints of shortage of markets. Cement production is still short of the 1949 rate because of machinery failures. Window glass production increased over the 1949 output but is still short of quota. Individual plants fulfilled their quotas from 60% to 131%.

#### 4. Chemical Industry.

Sulphuric acid production improved but is still behind schedule. Carbon sulphate output is very low. Lack of phosphates brought production of phosphate fertilizer to a standstill. Potash salts are being produced ahead of quota. The quarterly quota set for special gasoline and motor oil was already met by 28 February. Insulin production was nil because of repairs but is expected to reach the quota in March. Only 40% of the quarterly penicillin quota is being reached despite increased production.

5. Machinery.

The tractor production is far below the schedule; 40 hp trucks reached only 25% of the December figure, and 28 hp trucks only 9% of quota. The factories complain of a shortage of parts. The quota for crane motors is not being met. Conditions in the field of 1½ ton truck production are similar to those applying to tractors.

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6. Light Industry.

Production of tires for passenger cars has dropped to 20% of December figures, but truck tire output rose by 40%. Textile cellulose production fell off 25%. Output of shoe leather and leather fiber material surpassed the quota.

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Rayon	560	
Cellulose	3,837	
Synthetic Yarn	16	
3 & 4 Cylinder Yarn	1,523	
Auto-Tires	3,221	each
Truck Tires	12,495	"
Rubber Soles & Heels	124	
Paper Cellulose	9,872	
Textile Cellulose	3,057	
Newsprint	2,166	
Paper	6,092	
Shoe Leather	108,000	m <sup>2</sup>
Leather Soles & Heels	259	
Leather Fiber Material	89	
Artificial Shoe Leather	134,000	m <sup>2</sup>
Leather Shoes	345,000	pairs
Other Shoes	395,000	"
Sulphuric Acid	14,840	
Calcinated Soda	8,138	
Caustic Soda	2,792	
Calcium Carbide	3,842	
Carbon Sulphate	1,471	
Phosphate Fertilizer	262	
Synthetic Resin	181	
Plastics	268	
Plastic Sheets	99	
Potash Fertilizer	32,575	
Gasoline	1,412	
Special Gasoline	1,811	
Diesel Oil & Gas	2,368	
Motor Oil	1,663	
Lubricants	2,248	
Petroleum	774	
Insulin	-	* The figure reported by the factory for Jan. was 3.8 million units too high
Penicillin	23,371	million units
Tractors 40 hp	44	each
" 28 hp	9	"
" 22 hp	50	"
Crane Motors	103	"
Bulbs	1,342,999	"
"	91,649	"
Electrocorundum	921	
Trucks 3-ton	-	
" 1 1/2-ton	1	
Copper Ore	62,870	
Crude Iron	25,502	
" Steel	50,414	
Semi-finished Prod.	19,389	
Rolled Steel	31,291	
Pine Welded	1,101	
Copper	2,602	
includes	1,052	Contracted work
Lead	1,122	
includes	223	"
Burnt Lime	51,205	
Cement	33,360	
Window Glass	532,500	m <sup>2</sup>
Lignite	6,888,392	
" Eriquettes	1,629,131	
Coal	220,970	
Electricity	542,037,000	kw.hr.
Gas	44,000,000	m <sup>3</sup>

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